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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, IS, US

SUBJ: ARABS TOLD BY SOVIETS THAT JEWISH EMIGRATION LIMITED TO  
OLD AND UNTRAINED

1. MFA NEAR EAST COUNSELOR PYRLIN, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMOFF  
ON APRIL 3, ELABORATED ON THEME THAT MOSCOW IS UNDER PRESSURE  
FROM ARAB QUARTERS TO LIMIT EMIGRATION BY SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL.

2. HE SAID THAT DURING HAFEZ ISMAIL' S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN  
FEBRUARY, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT' S ADVISOR POINTEDLY COMPLAINED TO  
SOVIET LEADERSHIP ABOUT SOVIET JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL AND  
VOICED ARAB CONCERN THAT YOUNG, QUALIFIED SOVIET JEWS WILL  
STRENGTHEN ISRAELI MILITARY. ACCORDING TO PYRLIN, SOVIET LEADERS  
RESPONDED AT THAT BY SAYING THAT MOSCOW IS LIMITING EMIGRATION  
TO THE OLD AND TO JEWS WHO ARE UNTRAINED. ASKED BY EMOFF IF  
SOVIET GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE POLICY WHICH, AS HE  
DESCRIBED IT, BLOCKS YOUNG, TALENTED SOVIET JEWS FROM EMIGRATING,  
PYRLIN AVOIDED CLEAR RESPONSE BY SIMPLY INDICATING THAT USSR  
FACED BY DILEMMA OVER ISSUE . PYRLIN SAID MOSCOW IS KEEN ON  
IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US BUT MUST ALSO ATTEND TO  
ITS INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD.

2. COMMENT. WE WOULD JUDGE THAT PYRLIN IS OVERSTATING MOSCOW' S  
CONCERN OVER ARAB REACTION TO JEWISH EMIGRATION. WHILE THIS IS  
A FACTOR, SOVIET DILEMMA HAS MORE TO DO WITH INTERNAL REQUIREMENTS  
OF SOVIET SOCIETY. WE INTERPRET PYRLIN COMMENTS AS INDICATIVE  
OF SOVIET EFFORT TO USE ARAB ANGLE AS HANDY ADDITIONAL EXCUSE  
FOR MAKING QUALITATIVE DISTINCTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING  
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EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.  
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